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**Thursday, July 29, 2010
8:00 AM – 11:35 PM**

**Legg Mason Tower
701 Aliceanna Street - 21202**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Maloney at 9:00 am.

Welcome:

Bob welcomed the group and thanked Legg Mason for hosting and providing parking. He mentioned the creation of a new Advisory Committee for the LEPC that has led to the modified agenda: the main speaker will now be after the break, and there will be a planning portion of each meeting, as well as a Meta-Leadership portion. The minutes were adopted from the previous LEPC with no objections. Geoff Ultsch then gave a welcome from Legg Mason.

**Government
Events:**

Bob Maloney discussed the City's Code Red response for extreme heat and mentioned the two senior high rises without power that OEM responded to last night. There were no major incidents for the 4th of July celebration. Art Scape was challenging due to the heat.
Incidents:

Training & Exercises:

- Bob mentioned the preparedness efforts of OEM and they have been purchasing flashlights and other materials to equip the community, as well as the upcoming National Night Out on Aug 3.
- There have been a number of ICS courses, however there are no upcoming dates for classes at this time. Dates will be posted on the LEPC website when available.

Law Enforcement/Homeland Security/Intel:

Detective Sergeant Kurosh Jzhrom from BPD Intel discussed some recent terrorist events, as well as the trend in increasing radicalization in the U.S. There are no specific or credible threats for the upcoming international soccer match taking place in Baltimore over the weekend, but the Police will have an increased presence as a precaution.

Businesses:

Association of Contingency Planners:

Geoff Ultsch from Legg Mason and ACP gave an overview brief of ACP. The next meeting is September 8th at the American Red Cross office in Baltimore.

SBIMAP:

The next meeting will be Aug 19th at MDE. Jenette Partlow, the past president of SBIMAP thanked all of their partners over the years. SBIMAP is now 30 years old.

Chief Wagner and Shawn Mozzani from Rhodia gave a summary of the recent HAZMAT response to Rhodia after the sprinkler system was activated due to a power outage. The existing relationship between City first responders and the chemical company made the response run smoother.

Chief Wagner presented Jerry Young from DPW a Certificate of Appreciation for his help with the EPA Conference Exercise last year.

Non Profits

American Red Cross

Kevin Burr gave an overview of some of the recent ARC activities. They have been seeing a larger number of people involved in single incidents due to more family members living together. About half of all of their responses are in Baltimore City. They have been assisting with water distribution during Code Red days, working with the military and military families for casualty assistance, and are participating t in the State Evacuation Exercise of foreign students from Ocean City on Aug 11.

Citizens

CERT:

Has grown from 5 to 20 teams in the past 2 years. It has grown so large that it is becoming difficult for OEM to manage with such a small staff. MOEM is going to be changing the way CERT is managed. The goal is to decentralize the teams and conduct 4 annual trainings. Some CERT members present spoke and said how much they miss Scott Brillman and want to hold a picnic for him with all of the CERT teams, possibly in September. There have also been some school teachers who are interested in Junior CERTs for 15-17 year olds. There are also some Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops that want to participate. CERT members also reported that they distributed preparedness materials in their neighborhoods. They enjoy assisting with exercises, but want to participate more as responders instead of victims.

Planning

EOP

Break 10:35 – 10:45

Meta-Leadership:

Howie Gwon stated that this will now be a permanent segment of the LEPC and gave an overview of Meta-Leadership and why it is important.

Panel Discussion – Oil Spills

- The discussion began with an overview of historical events in the harbor. The most recent event was 5000 gallons of olive oil that spilled into the harbor. BCFD HAZMAT is purchasing boom and a boat so that they will be able to respond quicker. MDE has 10,000 feet of boom around the City, but only 6 employees to deploy it. The frequency and severity of events has decreased in recent years.

- MDE showed some photographs of a recent exercise where the Governor deployed some of the boom. MDE and BCFD have been working and training together, as well as acquiring additional resources prior to the current spill in the Gulf of Mexico.
- There were a number of questions from the crowd.
- The cumulative effect of multiple small spills can have a more severe impact than the larger ones because they are not always detected and cleaned up. Much of the contamination in the Harbor comes from storm drains, and the source cannot always be located.
- The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 gives the EPA additional powers to respond. It also states that any oil that reaches a navigatable waterway is required to be reported.
- The discussion then turned to train derailments and spills. There have been fewer derailments in recent years, and CSX has been working with the City and Stadium Authority to monitor shipments during large events.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35.

The next LEPC meeting will be during the HAZMAT Conference in November, either on the 9th or 10th.